

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the paragraphs starting on these lines as follows:

Page 3, line 13:

Patent US 5 565 276 describes a security paper that can be formed from a first ply of paper and from a second ply with a smaller weight than that of the first ply and containing iridescent ~~flakes~~ planchettes as authentication element. The object of that patent is to improve the visibility of the ~~flakes~~ planchettes.

Page 7, line 1:

According to one particular embodiment of the invention, at least one authentication element is chosen from watermarks, iridescent particles, luminescent, in particular fluorescent or phosphorescent, fibers or particles, colored or thermochromic fibers or particles, in particular said particles are ~~flakes~~ planchettes.

Page 9, line 35:

A series of watermarked paper sheets of square format and having an area of 310 cm<sup>2</sup> was produced from a fibrous composition containing, by dry weight, 100 parts of cotton fibers and 0.5 parts of red fluorescent ~~flakes~~ planchettes, using a laboratory handsheet mold suitable for applying a watermark pattern in the thickness of the paper obtained.

The weight of the paper obtained was 85 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

Page 10, line 4:

The fluorescent ~~flakes~~ planchettes were only partly observable, some of them being buried too deep in the thickness of the paper.

Page 10, line 17:

Next, a second series of sheets of square format having an area of 310 cm<sup>2</sup> was produced from a fibrous composition containing, by dry weight, 100 parts of cotton fibers and 0.5 parts of red fluorescent ~~flakes~~ planchettes, using a laboratory handsheet mold.

Page 10, line 36:

A second series of sheets of square format having an area of 310 cm<sup>2</sup> was also produced from a fibrous composition containing, by dry weight, 100 parts of cotton fibers and 0.5 parts of red fluorescent ~~flakes~~ planchettes, using a laboratory habdsheet mold.

Page 11, line 9:

The number of fluorescent ~~flakes~~ planchettes most clearly visible to the naked eye was counted while the papers obtained in Examples 1 to 3 were being illuminated with ultraviolet radiation.

Page 11, line 15:

92 fluorescent ~~flakes~~ planchettes were counted in Example 1, 120 fluorescent ~~flakes~~ planchettes

in Example 2 and 268 fluorescent ~~flakes~~planchettes in Example 3.

Page 11, line 18:

Likewise, in Example 3 the fluorescent ~~flakes~~planchettes and fibers were clearly observable.